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1. REF A REPORTS USE BY CUBAN AIRCRAFT OF GANDER AIRPORT AS TRANSIT STOP FOR FOUR FLIGHTS TO HAVANA IN JANUARY APPARENTLY CARRYING HOSPITAL EVACS. ORIGIN OF FLIGHTS UNKNOWN, BUT PRESUMABLY EVACUEES WERE SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN ANGOLA. IT NOT KNOWN AS OF THIS TIME HOW WIDELY THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED IN GOC CIRCLES, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER PM TRUDEAU AWARE OF THIS.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INSTRUCTING AMEMBASSY MEXICO TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO ATTENTION PM ADVISER IVAN HEAD WITH TRUDEAU PARTY CURRENTLY VISITING MEXICO. AS INDICATED REF C, TRUDEAU PLANS RAISE ANGOLA ISSUE WITH CASTRO AND MIGHT BE STIMULATED BY KNOWLEDGE CUBAN USE OF GANDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS DEMARCHE AND SEEK ASSURANCE DIRECTLY FROM CASTRO BOTH THAT CANADIAN AIRFIELDS AND DC-8S LEASED FROM AIR CANADA WILL NOT BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. JOHNSON

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